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JURY CONVICTS INMATE FOR ATTACK AT MEDICAL CENTER FOR FEDERAL PRISONERS

SPRINGFIELD, Mo. – Todd P. Graves, United States Attorney for the Western District of Missouri, announced that an inmate at the U.S. Medical Center for Federal Prisoners in Springfield was convicted by a federal jury today for using a homemade weapon to attack a fellow inmate at the prison.

Steven Loren Scott, 50, who is currently serving a 20-year sentence as a career offender convicted of armed bank robbery in 1991, was found guilty of one count of assault in a federal prison with a deadly weapon with intent to cause bodily harm, and one count of possession of prohibited objects in a federal prison.

A U.S. District Court jury in Springfield deliberated about three hours today before returning the guilty verdicts to U.S. District Judge Scott O. Wright, ending a trial that began Monday. **Scott** was charged in an indictment returned by a federal grand jury meeting in Springfield on April 12, 2001.

Scott attacked fellow inmate Erving Nelson Bond, Jr., Graves explained, using a crude six-inch-long shank, or sharpened metal spike, near a shower area at the prison hospital facility on November 24, 2000.

Scott was transferred to the prison hospital facility on June 13, 2000. Bond, who is serving a life sentence for armed kidnapping and armed robbery, was transferred to the prison hospital facility on October 17, 2000.

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The attack occurred, Graves said, as prison guards were separately escorting the two inmates to the shower room. As **Scott's** guard was opening the shower door, **Scott** crouched down and stepped over and through his handcuffs, so his hands, while still cuffed, were in front. **Scott** then began running at Bond, pulling the shank from his prison jumpsuit and yelling that he was going to get him.

Scott stabbed Bond in the upper chest, near the sternum, though Graves said the injury was not serious. While being searched afterward, a second shank was found hidden in **Scott's** underwear.

As a result of today's conviction, **Scott** could be subject to a sentence of up to 15 years in prison without parole, plus up to \$500,000 in fines. His sentencing hearing will be scheduled sometime after the completion of a presentence investigation by the U.S. Probation Office.

The case was prosecuted by Deputy U.S. Attorney Michael A. Jones. It was investigated by the Federal Bureau of Investigation and the Federal Bureau of Prisons.

This news release, as well as additional information about the office of the United States Attorney for the Western District of Missouri, is available on-line at
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